

OWNER NOTICE - 1872 OPEN TOP & RICHARDS CONVERSION

• Wedge Adjustment •

All Open Top and Conversions use a barrel wedge to hold the barrel to the frame and cylinder. The farther in the wedge is pushed, the tighter the barrel-to-cylinder gap. When the wedge is pushed or tapped by accident too far inward, the barrel binds against the face of the cylinder and freezes the revolver.

If the revolver is continually dry-fired it may eventually bind. Each time the revolver is dry-fired the barrel is pulled closer and closer to the cylinder face until the barrel binds against the cylinder. The same principle applies as one hitting the butt of a hammer handle to pull the hammer head tighter. It should be understood that this is the way the original is designed. The problem is the result of a law of physics that we cannot change and is not a defect. Adjusting the wedge outward and a light tap or two on the bottom and sides of the barrel will reset the cylinder to barrel gap.